



J. REUBEN CLARK LAW SOCIETY -- CHAPTER RECOGNITION CRITERIA

| | Bronze | Silver | Gold |
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| Registration | 1. Chapter chair is registered on jrcls.org, with up-to-date information. | 1. Chapter chair and all board members are registered on jrcls.org, with up-to-date information. | 1. Chapter chair and all board members are registered on jrcls.org, with up-to-date information. |
| Orientation, Training, & Support | 2. Chapter chair has completed Chapter chair training and read (if new) or reviewed (if continuing) the JRCLS Leadership Manual. 3. Chapter chair has met (in person or virtually) with the Area Director or Regional Chair for annual orientation, training, and chapter-specific support. | 2. Chapter chair has completed Chapter chair training and read (if new) or reviewed (if continuing) the JRCLS Leadership Manual. 3. Chapter chair has met (in person or virtually) with the Area Director or Regional Chair for annual orientation, training, and chapter-specific support. | 2. Chapter chair has completed Chapter chair training and read (if new) or reviewed (if continuing) the JRCLS Leadership Manual. 3. Chapter chair has met (in person or virtually) with the Area Director or Regional Chair for annual orientation, training, and chapter-specific support. |
| Board Structure & Meetings | 4. Chapter has a functioning and active Chapter chair. 5. Not required. 6. Not required. | 4. Chapter has a functioning and active board , consisting of (at a minimum): a Chapter Chair and Chair Elect . 5. Chapter has a leadership succession plan (two-year rotation recommended). 6. Chapter has held regular board meetings (recommended at least quarterly). | 4. Chapter has a functioning and active board, consisting of (at a minimum): a Chapter Chair, Chair Elect, Women-in-Law Liaison, and (where applicable) law student liaison . ¹ 5. Chapter has a leadership succession plan (two-year rotation recommended). 6. Chapter has held regular board meetings (recommended at least quarterly). |
| Conference Attendance | 7. Not required. | 7. At least one member of the chapter board has attended (virtually or in-person) the Annual Leadership Conference, the Annual Conference, OR a Regional Conference. | 7. At least one member of the chapter board has attended (virtually or in-person) the Annual Leadership Conference AND either the Annual Conference or a Regional Conference. |
| Chapter Events² | 8. Chapter has held one organized service project or other chapter event during the year. | 8. Chapter has held at least two organized chapter events during the year, one of which was devoted to providing service. | 8. Chapter has held at least four organized chapter events during the year, one of which was devoted to providing service. |
| Reporting & Goals³ | 9. Chapter has submitted an annual chapter report. 10. Chapter has submitted concrete goals for progress and improvement in the coming year. | 9. Chapter has submitted an annual chapter report. 10. Chapter has submitted concrete goals for progress and improvement in the coming year. | 9. Chapter has submitted an annual chapter report. 10. Chapter has submitted concrete goals for progress and improvement in the coming year. |
| Regional Chair Endorsement⁴ | 11. The chapter's recognition application is endorsed by the Regional Chair (in consultation with the Area Director). | 11. The chapter's recognition application is endorsed by the Regional Chair (in consultation with the Area Director). | 11. The chapter's recognition application is endorsed by the Regional Chair (in consultation with the Area Director). |

¹ Ideally, the law student liaison will be the chair of a law student JRCLS chapter, who sits on the attorney chapter board in an *ex officio* capacity.

² The "year" for purposes of chapter recognition criteria, runs from October 1 to September 30 (coinciding with the annual JRCLS Leadership Conference).

³ Submitted with Chapter Recognition Application.

⁴ Other factors beyond those identified in the Chapter Recognition Criteria may be indicative of a chapter's organizational health and commitment. Accordingly, the Regional Chair, in consultation the Chapter Relations Committee Chair, may excuse or accept an alternative benchmark.